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Flu Vaccine Still Available in Milwaukee---Get Your Flu Shot!

City of Milwaukee Health Department to hold flu clinics targeting high priority groups, including children

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) still has flu vaccine available and will be sponsoring and staffing four flu clinics at MHD clinics on the south and northwest side of Milwaukee. It is not too late to get vaccinated to avoid the flu or complications of flu during the upcoming winter season. Persons within the high priority groups as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are urged to get a flu vaccination, this includes persons in the following risk categories:

- all children age 6-23 months
- adults 65 and older
- persons age 2-64 with chronic underlying medical conditions
- women who are pregnant during the flu season
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- health care workers with direct patient contact
- caregivers and household contacts of children age <6 months
- children 6 months - 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy

Upcoming Milwaukee flu clinic sites:

- Southside Health Center (1639 N. 23rd. Street) **November 18, 2004** 3:00 -6:30 p.m.
- Northwest Health Center (7630 W. Mill Road) **November 23, 2004** 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Southside Health Center (1639 N. 23rd. Street) **November 30, 2004** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Northwest Health Center (7630 W. Mill Road) **December 6, 2004** 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.

The MHD may cancel some clinics if vaccine supplies are depleted as a result of client volume. Furthermore, once vaccine supplies are depleted, there will be no additional vaccine available this season. Influenza kills 36,000 people and results in 220,000 hospitalizations annually in the United States. Protect yourself and loved ones by getting a flu shot.